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SUBJ: CARAMANLIS ENDORSES SADAT VIEW OF POSITIVE U.S. ATTITUDE ON  
CYPRUS

REF ATHENS 4113

1. ATHENS PRESS JUNE 4 FEATURED COMMENT GIVEN BY PM CARAMANLIS  
TO GREEK CORRESPONDENTS TRAVELLING WITH HIM IN YUGOSLAVIA.  
ASKED TO COMMENT ON HIS TALK JUNE 3 WITH SADAT (REFTEL)  
AND IN PARTICULAR WHAT EGYPTIAN LEADER MEANT BY SAYING THAT  
THE AMERICANS INTERESTED IN THE CYRPUS ISSUE, CARAMANLIS  
ANSWERED: "ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S POINT OF VIEW, THE  
UNITED STATES IS NOW GREATLY INTERESTED IN A JUST AND LOGICAL  
SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. THIS IS BECAUSE THEY REALIZE  
THAT THE PROLONGATION OF THE PROBLEM CREATES DANGERS, WHICH  
THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO AVERT BY ALL MEANS".

2. ASKED TO GIVE HIS PERSONAL OPINION, MR. CARAMANLIS SAID:  
"I AGREE WITH PRESIDENT SADAT'S VIEWS. REPORTS ALLEGING THAT  
THE UNITED STATES FAVORS A GREEK-TURKISH CONFLICT ARE  
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UNFOUNDED AND UNREASONABLE." HE ADDED THAT "TH CYRPUS

PROBLEM IS COMPLICATED, AND IT WILL HAVE TO PASS THROUGH  
DIFFICULT PHASES. IN ORDER TO REACH A JUST SOLUTION, WE  
SHOULD BE COOL AND STEADY."

3. THE ATHENS MORNING PRESS REPORTED THE ABOVE REMARKS BY  
CARAMANLIS UNDER FRONT PAGE SECONDARY HEADLINES, WHICH WERE  
AMONG THE MOST POSITIVE, FAVORABLE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD ITEMS  
ON U.S. POLICY IN SOME MONTHS. KATHIMERINI HEADLINED:  
"AMERICA TRIES TO AVOID WAR BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY";  
TO VIMA'S LEAD WAS :CYPRUS WILL PASS THROUGH DIFFICULT  
PHASES"; ACROPOLIS: "USA DOES NOT FAVOR GREEK-TURKISH  
CLASH"; EVEN COMMUNIST AVGHI, MIRABILU DICTU, HEADLINED:  
"THE AMERICANS WISH A JUST SOLUTION IN CYPRUS".  
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